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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN QUERY RE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: JAKARTA 0886

1. IN MEETING WITH ME JANUARY 26 AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT REITERATED CONCERN OF FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK OVER ANY POSSIBLE "SUSPENSION" OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA AS RESULT OF TIMOR ACTION.

2. I TOLD AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUSPENSION OF AID AND THAT SECRETARY, WHO ATTACHES MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA, WAS FIRM IN DESIRE TO AVOID ANY SUCH ACTION. TIMOR ACTION DID RAISE

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SOME LEGAL QUESTIONS BUT IT WAS OUR HOPE THESE COULD BE

RESOLVED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER. IN THIS CONTEXT STEADY
PROGRESS TOWARD AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION UNDER UN
AUSPICES IS IMPORTANT. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO MAJOR MILITARY
ASSISTANCE ACTIONS REQUIRING WASHINGTON DECISIONS SO QUESTION IS
NOT IMMEDIATE.

3. WOOLCOTT SAID HE WAS SURE PEACOCK WOULD BE PLEASED TO
LEARN OF SECRETARY'S POSITION SINCE ANY SUSPENSION OF
U.S. AID WOULD PLACE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN AWKWARD
POSITION WITH RESPECT ITS OWN PROGRAM IN INDONESIA.

4. DEPT. MAY WISH PASS CANBERRA. NEWSOM UNQTE KISSINGER

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